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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 January 1961

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - December 1960

1. The "Psychiatry in Management" course planned for FDD supervisory personnel by the Medical Staff, week of 12 December, was postponed until the new year because of absences and inconveniences caused by the weather.

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3. [] attended a conference on standardization of Russian-English transliteration sponsored by NSF on 21 December. The need for standardization was generally recognized, and it was agreed that any system adopted should be based on English spelling.

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Another meeting is planned.

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[] former DD/I representative [] visited the Chief, FDD, on 1 December to discuss problems of coordinating translation work [] He recommended a liaison [] by an FDD representative.

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4. The proposed Eastern Europe program was approved by the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications at its 25th meeting on 2 December. Classified translation problems of member agencies were discussed and as a result possible cooperation between Army and Navy is being considered by those services.

5. The Office of Personnel concurred with our proposal that a recruiting program exclusively aimed at acquiring linguists for FDD be undertaken. FDD will recommend recruitment areas and suggest contacts for the recruiting officer.

6. An "emergency" meeting was called 22 December of Logistics Office, GSA, and FDD representatives at which it was suggested by GSA that the Division's move to 1717 H St. was imminent although no renovation of space had been started. When FDD security and power-supply requirements were explained, GSA acknowledged that further delay was necessary to meet minimal needs of the Division.



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8. Special FDD reports published in December:

Attitudes on Tourism and Espionage as Expressed in the Soviet Press, January-October 1960 -- Summary 2700

Communist Activities Among Iraqi Kurds -- Summary 2701

Recent Information on the Bulgarian Machine-Tool Industry -- Summary 2702

Soviet Press Commentary on US Presidential Campaign, Oct-12 Nov 60 -- Summary 2705

Subversive Activities and Unrest in Portuguese Africa -- Summary 2707

Press Information on Sino-Soviet Bloc Activities in Indonesia (Jul-Sep 1960) -- Summary 2709

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9. The first issue of a new serial report, Statements on Soviet Strategic Weapons, was published on 8 December. Developed primarily on request of the Guided Missile Task Force, the initial report brought favorable comment from this group.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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